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## SENATOR GREGG ATTENDS NEW HAMPSHIRE LAKES CONGRESS

WOLFEBORO, NH -- U.S. Senator Judd Gregg (R-NH) today attended the Tenth New Hampshire Lakes Congress, hosted by the New Hampshire Lakes Association, to discuss the environmental integrity and protection of New Hampshire's lakes. This year's event includes a panel discussion on access to NH's public waters, a presentation on environmental threats to NH's public waters, and a series of concurrent workshop sessions on issues important to NH's lakes and ponds. Last year, Senator Gregg was able to secure a \$260,000 federal grant for the Lakes Association for the development of the NH Invasive Aquatic Plant Education and Prevention Program aimed at stemming the spread of milfoil, an aquatic weed already in fifty New Hampshire lakes, including Winnipesaukee and Sunapee. Senator Gregg is working to secure additional federal funds for these initiatives this year.

Senator Gregg stated, "New Hampshire's lakes are the cornerstone of the environmental beauty of our state and are used annually by thousands for swimming, fishing and boating. The health of the lakes relies heavily on the outstanding stewardship that the New Hampshire Lakes Association continues to provide, and the annual Lakes Congress is an excellent opportunity to share ideas and educational programs among lake enthusiasts. The issues being discussed here today, such as providing appropriate public access and protecting sensitive shoreland areas, will enhance local knowledge of these issues and lead to healthier New Hampshire lakes and ponds."